

INFORMATION PROVIDING METHOD AND INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION APPARATUS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A world wide information network called the Internet is structured and the information
5 distribution service via the network is now operating in which it is now possible to obtain and
make reference to every type of information resources through connection to the Internet.
However, the type of distributed information and environment of user terminal connected to
such information distribution service are all diversified and therefore it is sometime impossible
to process the information requested from the user in the user terminal even if such requested
10 information is transmitted to the user terminal. The present invention distributes information,
in the information distribution service for transmitting the information to the terminal based on
the request from a user through the network, by confirming the function of the terminal of user
who has requested the information, determining whether the requested information can be
processed with the function of the terminal and then converting, when processing is determined
15 as impossible, the information to the format which may be processed.